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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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Sir:

Applicants herein further respond to the Final Office Action mailed December 14, 2010 (Paper No. 20101208). Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on June 14, 2011.

Applicant petitions for a five-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-2283.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the application and request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following remarks.